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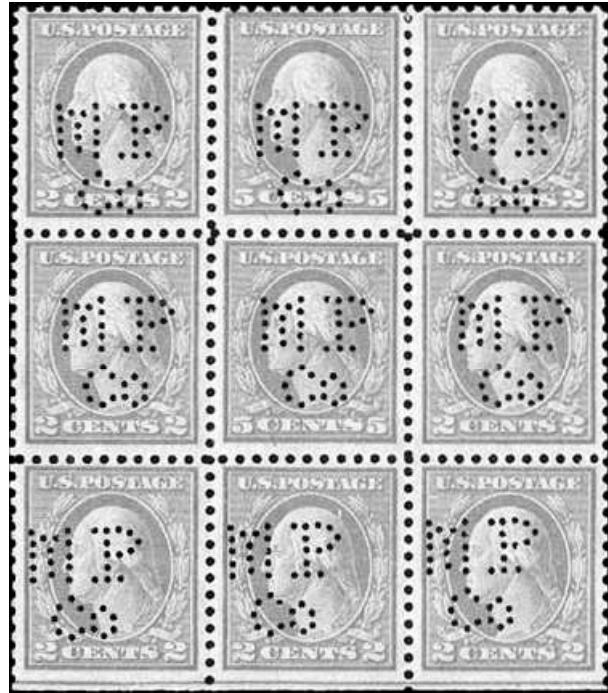
## A Very Interesting Perfin at Auction

Chris Reuger (#1834) spotted a very interesting and possibly unique perfin (shown at right) in the Matthew Bennett International Auction #330 that closed December 4, 2008.

If you will look closely at the upper two stamps in the center row, you will see that these are the 5-cent rose error. My references indicate that about 75,000 of this SC#505 (perf. 11) were issued and survived. {The same error was also found on the SC#467 (perf. 10) and SC#485 (imperforate), with even a lower number of each surviving.}

The perfin is pattern M205, with a D+ rating. The primary identification is Moline Plow Company, Moline, IL with several additional identifications in the supplemental pages.

Since this one is unused, I wonder if there are used perfin copies out there? Check your stock and duplicates. What a find that would be!! What a story that would make!!



**1917, 5¢ rose error (505)**, the double error in a block of 9, perfin "MP/Co", original gum, never hinged, F.-V.F. and quite possibly unique. Scott \$1,150+; The final hammer price was \$800.

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